

## **Public input on its Upper Mississippi River - Illinois Waterway System Navigation Study Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement**

Ecosystem and navigation improvement plans for the nation's most renowned river system are the subject of discussion during a series of eight public meetings as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeks public input on its Upper Mississippi River - Illinois Waterway System Navigation Study Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

The meetings provide the public an opportunity to learn about and comment on the draft report and the preferred plan designed to ensure sustainability of the navigation and ecosystems of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers.

"We are at an important stage in the progress of the Navigation Study and this draft report represents a comprehensive, collaborative effort to determine the most beneficial course of action for managing river congestion and environmental impacts," said Brigadier General Don Riley, commander of the Corps' Mississippi Valley Division. "After evaluating multiple criteria, the preferred alternative for this study has been developed to improve navigation efficiency by reducing or eliminating commercial traffic delays while restoring, protecting, and enhancing the rivers' delicate ecosystems."

The draft report incorporates more than a decade of study, analysis and an extraordinary level of collaboration by many leading engineers, economists, fisheries experts and other scientists who have participated in the complex evaluation of the river system needs and opportunities. The preferred alternative reflects a balanced approach as well as an unprecedented level of cooperation among various government agencies and private organizations.

The meetings continue the collaboration with the public and include informal discussions with the study team, an overview of the study and the preferred alternative, and an opportunity for the public to provide official comments concerning the report and the preferred alternative. The Corps will consider all comments provided during the meetings in preparation of the final report.

### **Meeting Locations, Dates and Times**

Public Meeting Schedule (all locations other than Washington, DC)

2:00-4:00 p.m. - Informal Open House

4:00-5:30 p.m. - Dinner Break

5:30-6:30 p.m. - Registration

6:30-6:35 p.m. - Opening Remarks

6:35-6:50 p.m. - Presentation

6:50-9:30 p.m. (or later) - Public Comments

7 June - Davenport, IA  
Holiday Inn  
5202 Brady Street  
Davenport, IA  
(563) 391-1230

8 June - Dubuque, IA  
Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark/Grand River Center  
350 Bell Street  
Dubuque, IA  
(563) 690-4000

9 June - La Crosse, WI  
Radisson Hotel La Crosse  
200 Harborview Plaza  
La Crosse, WI  
(608) 784-6680

10 June - Bloomington, MN  
Minneapolis Airport Marriott  
2020 American Boulevard East  
Bloomington, MN  
(952) 854-7441

14 June - Peoria, IL  
Hotel Pere Marquette  
501 Main Street  
Peoria, IL  
(309) 637-6500

15 June - Quincy, IL  
Stoney Creek Inn  
3809 East Broadway Street  
Quincy, IL  
(217) 223-2255

16 June - St. Louis, MO  
St. Louis Airport Marriott  
70 at Lambert Airport  
St. Louis, MO  
(314) 423-9700

Public Meeting Schedule (Washington, DC)  
1:00-3:00 p.m. - Informal Open House  
3:00-3:30 p.m. - Registration  
3:30-3:35 p.m. - Opening Remarks  
3:35-3:50 p.m. - Presentation

3:50-6:00 p.m. (or later) - Public Hearing

17 June - Washington, DC

Phoenix Park Hote

1520 Capitol Street, NW.

Washington, DC